



Animal Observation

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99% or more of all age classes of animals have a body condition score of 2 or greater on FARM Body Condition Scorecard.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Body condition score is key welfare indicator and demonstrates animals are provided nutritional requirements

Corrective Action

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95% or more of all age classes of animals do not have broken tails.

Rationale

New proposed standard. Broken tails are key sign of poor stockmanship. With this standard, will assist further identifying potential stockmanship areas for improvement

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90% or more of all age classes of animals score 2 or less on FARM Hygiene Scorecard

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Hygiene score is key welfare indicator and demonstrates animals are provided dry resting area and sound facility management.

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95% or more of the lactating and dry dairy herd score 2 or less on the FARM Hock/Knee Scorecard.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Hock and Knee score is key welfare indicator and demonstrates animals are provided soft resting area.

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95% or more of the lactating and dry dairy herd score 2 or less on the FARM Locomotion Scorecard.

Rationale

Maintaining consistency of standard from previous versions. Locomotion score is key welfare indicator and demonstrates lameness is managed effectively.

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